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PITOVRANOV Lt Gen E.P.

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Date of Information:

May 1955 - April 1956

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report, based on information available from this source as of 22 Jul 58, is one of a series on senior military intelligence and KGB officers in East Germany.

II. BACKGROUND

2. Full Name: Evgenii ("Zhenya") Petrovich PITOVRANOV

Rank:

Licutenant General...

Assignment:

Chief KGB Residentura, BERLIN, and concurrently, Senior Counsellor at the

Soviet Embassy, BERLIN.

Date of Birth:

Estimated between 1910 - 1915.

Residence in USSR: MOSCOW (Tel No K-4 1751)

Wife:

Elizaveta Vasil'evna PITOVRANOVA

Children:

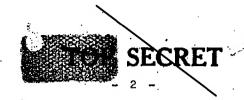
Daughter (first name possibly Gavrilova). There were other children in the household in BERLIN but it is not certain whether they were PITOVRANOV's children or grandchildren (see paras 6 and 7).

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Other Relatives: PITOVRANO

Dr Natalya Vasil'evna PETROVA, probably PITOVRANOV's sister-in-law. (This relationship was not conclusively established, but is based on her sharing the same patronymic with his wife, and a request by PITOVRANOV to his wife, after a family conversation, to "kiss Natalya and Mama for me"); on 11 Mar 56 PITOVRANOV booked a private telephone call to Dr PETROVA of the "First Surgical Section" of a hospital in MOSCOW, Tel No K-6 8974; (the only N.V. PETROVA listed in the 1954 edition of the MOSCOW Telephone Directory resided at 6, Shchuseva Ulitsa Tel No K-4 6696).

4. Education and Accent:

No information is available from source material on PITOVRANOV's educational background other than that he speaks as a well-educated man with a Great Russian (MOSCOW) accent.

III. OTHER PERSONAL PARTICULARS

5. Details of Family:

Mmc PITOVRANOV's rather listless and apathetic manner during her telephone conversations gave the impression that she was either a sick person or one of negative personality. She seemed unable to raise any enthusiasm when appealed to by her husband on 20 Oct 55 to fly back from MOSCOW to EERLIN on the following day. She agreed only after much prompting, despite the fact that her younger children (or possibly grandchildren) appeared to be in Germany. (Her reaction may have arisen from the fact that she had just suffered the loss of her mother, Elizaveta Ivanovna (snu), who died on 17 Oct 55).

PITOVRANOVA was noticeably apathetic, however, in a February 1956 discussion with a staff officer of Marshal A.A. GRECHEO (Cinc, GSFG) on the question of certain domestic transactions for Mmc GRECHEO.

- 6. Mme PITOVRANOV was in MOSCOW again in December 1955 and flew back to MERLIN with her granddaughter on the 24th or 25th of that month. On 10 Jan 56 she flew again to MOSCOW, this time with her daughter, and possibly granddaughter, but was present in MERLIN on 23 Feb 56 when she attended the Red Army Day reception at the Soviet Embassy.
- 7. An exact identification of the junior members of the family was not possible from the few passing references available in source material. PITOVRANOV once said, in answer to his wife's telephone enquiry from MOSCOW, that "the children are doing their lessons" and mentioned "Serezha" (Sergei) by name. Other references to a daughter and granddaughter, however, made in connection with bookings of plane flights, leave the question open as to whether they were in fact PITOVRANOV's children or grandshildren.



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B. Recreations: Shooting, fishing, and tennis.

IV. CHARACTER AND EFFICIENCY

- 9. There is evidence that PTTOVRANOV was quick and incisive when making decisions and was esteemed as a man who backs up his subordinates. If it is assumed that the efficiency of his unit reflected his own capabilities, then on at least one occasion he was awarded a considerable compliment by a military intelligence colonel who had recourse to PITOVRANOV and his organization for help with an operation.
- 10. Col M.G. BELOV (Chief of an element in BERLIN subordinate to the Intelligence Directorate, HQ, GSFG) approached the KGB Residentura for help and co-operation with some agent activities on 17 Dec 55. This involved calling on the chiefs of five departments and finally discussing the matter with PITOVRANOV. The results, as described by BELOV to Col VI.I. SMIRNOV and Lt Col Yu.P. BUIKOV(both of the Operations Department, Intelligence Directorate, HQ, GSFG), were that FITOVRANOV had "stated his decisions swiftly" and had said that he would "give the order immediately."
- ll. Later, in reply to SMIRNOV's query as to the success of the operation, BELOV said that it had gone excellently in fact, he had been told that it was "as quick as lightning" and nobody had noticed anything. FITOVRANOV's people had made all the security arrangements, as well as directing the affair, and had done it very well.
- 12. A tribute to PITOVRANOV was paid by M.I. MARCHENKO (Deputy Chief, Department 2, KGB Residentura element, SIECMAR-SCHCENAU) while discussing pressure of work with a friend: he said that things were so hot it was "like sitting on a powder barrel," but it was very good working with PITOVRANOV as "he is a fighter and stands up for his people."
- 13. Source has provided some indication of PITOVRANOV's standing with senior officers outside the KGB. In brief talks with Maj Gen MAIYI (Chief, Frontier Control Directorate, HQ, GSFG) and Maj Gen P. V. VASHURA (Deputy Chief, Political Directorate, HQ, GSFG) it was Clear that they both treated him with every respect. PITOVRANOV in his turn spoke quietly and politely but with noticeable firmness and authority.
- 14. Maj Gen P.A. DIEROVA (Commandant, Soviet Carrison, HERLIN) was somewhat disdainful about PITOVRANOV's plan for hunting wild boar at night with the use of beaters and infra-red telescopic sights. DIEROVA commented to Lt Gen A.Ya. KAIYAGIN (GSFG liaison with DDR), that PITOVRANOV was a fool to introduce a system which reflected on his hunting ability; he was also concerned over the danger of some of the local population getting killed in the process.

V. MOVEMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES BEST COPY AVAILABLE

15. PITOVRANOV flew back from MOSCOW to Germany on or about 14. Aug 55. This was revealed in a conversation on 13 August with Maj Gen VASHURA who, having just returned from MOSCOW himself, advised PITOVRANOV to fly back with an aircraft which was available on the following day. The reasons for this visit to MOSCOW, and its duration,





are not known to source.

- 16. There is evidence that PITOVRANOV paid a visit to STAINSDORF between 23 and 27 Jan 56. Capt M.T. KOZYREV (KGB CI officer with 260 Independent Line Construction Battalion, then at STAINSDORF) on 30 January tried to contact his superior officer, Col G.V. STATALOV (Chief, KGB CI Department, in BERLIN). Failing to do so, he gave Lt Col V.M. SPIVAKOV (SHATALOV's deputy) the news that PITOVRANOV had come "here to me", but he did not know on what business. SPIVAKOV replied that KOZYREV, if invited by PITOVRANOV, was to go to the Residentura and tell him all he wanted to know. The purpose of PITOVRANOV's visit may have been to investigate personally the after-effects of the defection of Lt I.V. OVCHINNIKOV from the 28 Sepcial Purpose Radio Regiment (HQ, STAINSDORF; subordinate to the GSFG Intelligence Directorate); STAINSDORF was also the location of a KGB Radio Intercept Station.
- 17. On 28 Jan 56 PITOVRANOV flow to MCSCOW and on 6 February an aircraft was sent from East Germany to MCSCOW to bring him back. The take-off for the return journey was to be at PITOVRANOV's convenience. G.M. FUSHKIN (Soviet Ambassador to the DDR) wished to be given the place of landing in MCSCOW so that he could inform FITOVRANOV.
- 18. On 12 Feb 56 he flew again to MOSCOW, this time in the company of Marshal GRECHKO and Ambassador FUSHKIN, presumably for the Twentieth Congress, CPSU. His date of return is not known to source, but his presence in HERLIN again was confirmed on 12 Mar 56.
- 19. FITOVRANOV paid a visit to KARL-MARX-STADT (CHEMNITZ) on 11 or 12 Apr 56. This was stated by BEDIN (finu; KGB adviser to the East German Ministry for State Security) when receiving instructions for submitting to PITOVRANOV a report on an industrial explosion.

VI. FRIENDS AND CONTACTS

20. In view of PITOVRANOV's status, those personalities who appear to have connections with him only as a result of working relationships have been included, as also those whose identity and therefore importance could not be defined by source.

B.S. ALEKSEIKO

21. The wife of Foris Sergeevich ALEKSELKO, (Head, 'Soviet Export Film' office, BERLIN) was able to supply the HERLIN home telephone number of the PITOVRANOV's at the request of Maj Gen G.K. TSINEV (Chief, KGB Third [CI] Directorate, POTSDAM).

S.T. ASTAVIN

22. The "Sergei Timofeevich" who called on PITOVRANOV on 18
Oct 55 was probably Sergei Timofeevich ASTAVIN (Chief, Political
Department, Soviet Embassy, BERLIN, who dealt with WISMUT affairs),
On this occasion he went to the cinema with PITOVRANOV and the latter's
deputy, Col M.N. GOLOVKOV, the wives of both then being in the USSR.

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A.A. CRECHKO

The PITOVRANOV's relationship with Marshal Andrei Antonovich CRECHKO and Mome CRECHKO were friendly, as far as can be judged from source material, but there is no evidence that they extended beyond a sympathetic regard for each other in their appointed spheres. CRECHKO sent a telegram of congratulation to "Evgenii Petrovich" on the anniversary of the October Revolution, wishing him success in his activities "from the bottom of my heart", and Mme CRECHKO selected Mme PITOVRANOV as the most suitably prominent escort for her daughter at the Red Army Day reception in 1956. Mime GRECHKO was also concerned with Mime PITOVRANOV in transactions involving the selection of a watch for the former and the selling of skins or furs.

V. V. NARUDDINOV/NARUBINOV and Ya.S. NASRIDDINOVA

Viktor Vasil'evich NARUDDINOV was a deputy to the Supreme Soviet and First Secretary of the TASHKENT City Party Committee. He was member of a delegation of deputies to the Supreme Soviet which was touring the DDR in November/December 1955. On 4 December he was in KARI-MARX-STADT (CHEMNITZ) and telephoned his wife Yadgar Sadykovna NASSRIDDINOVA from the Soviet Consulate. NASRIDDINOVA was in MOSCOW and had just attended a birthday party given by FURTSEVA (presumably E.A. FURTSEVA of the Central Committee). They discussed political matters in both the Russian and Turkmen languages. NARUDDINOV also told his wife that "many of the comrades" who knew her sent their greetings, and mentioned PUSHKIN (see para 25), PITOVRANOV, KISELEV (w/i) and GUSEV (w/i, at KARL-MARX-STADT) in that order.

Comment: Another source has confirmed that a Ya. S. NASRIDDINOVA was a member of the Central Committee elected at the 20th Party Congress in February 1956. Despite the discrepancy in names there is considerable evidence that the speakers were husband and wife.

G.M. PUSHKIN

PITOVRANOV's official position (Senior Counsellor) with the Soviet Embassy in East HERLIN appeared to involve some degree of active partnership with Ambassador Georgii Maksimovich PUSHKIN. Source was unable to determine PUSHKIN's exact position vis-a-vis PITOVRANOV, i.e., whether he played a role more significant than acting as a "front" for the latter.

PUZANOV (fnu)

On the orders of PITOVRANOV, a message was relayed on 7 or 8 Dec 55 to the Frontier Control Directorate, HQ, GSFG, on the subject of PUZANOV and his wife, who apparently had recently arrived in RERLIN. They were leaving HERLIN the next day via the same check point en route for BAD BRAMBACH (Bezirk KARL-MARX-STADT, on the borders of Czechoslovakia), and they would arrive at the



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frontier at 1600 hours. They would be escorted by N.M. GALUSHIN (Chief of KGB Residentura Secretariat) and would call at LETPZIC on the way.

P. V. VASHURA

27. Some degree of familiarity was shown by Maj Gen Petr Vladimirovich VASHURA when, addressing FITOVRANOV by first name and patronymic, he explained why he had been unable to fulfil an arrangement to travel together with the latter on a return flight from MOSCOW to Germany (see also para 14). Since neither used the intimate form of speech and since VASHURA showed a marked deference to FITOVRANOV, this was, presumably, a friendly working relationship. (Subsequently, according to other sources, VASHURA was promoted to become Chief of the GSFG Political Directorate).

Antonina Pavlovna (snu)

28. A lady of this name wished the news of the death of PITOVRANOV's mother-in-law to be passed to him by his deputy, Col GOLOVKOV, should he not already have heard from Mme PITOVRANOVA. This message was relayed to GOLOVKOV by his wife, who was in MOSCOW at that time.

Newspaper Editor

29. On 14 Sep 55, FITOVRANOV booked a telephone call to "the editor of the newspaper TSINYA in RIGA." No information is available from source to identify the editor or to explain this action.

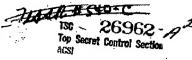
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